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ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE & PARTICIPATION	WINDOW
ACCESS FOR ELLs	The Virginia Board of Education selected the WIDA Consortium’s Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs®) test in 2007 as the state-approved English language proficiency (ELP) assessment. The ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 test assesses social and instructional English used within the school context as well as academic English associated with language arts, mathematics, science and social studies across the four language domains of listening, speaking, reading and writing. <i>The ACCESS for ELLs® 2.0 test is administered annually to EL students K-12 to monitor their progress in acquiring English proficiency.</i>	January 21 – March 20, 2020
Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)	The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a group-administered K–12 assessment intended to estimate students’ learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a battery of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal test items. <i>This assessment will be utilized during the 2019-20 school year for 5th graders.</i>	October 1 – 10, 2019
Comprehensive Instructional Program (CIP)	<p>The Comprehensive Instructional Program (CIP) is a consortium of The CIP is a consortium of public school divisions in Virginia working collaboratively to improve student achievement. The CIP is designed to help instructors by providing lesson plans, activities, and assessments that are highly aligned to Virginia’s Standards of Learning in content and rigor. Our students will be assessed quarterly using CIP Benchmark Assessments. The results from these assessments will not be used for grading purposes. The results are utilized to indicate the need for review, re-teaching, or targeted remediation for students.</p> <p>CIP Benchmark Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English - Grades 2-11 • Mathematics - Grades 2-8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II • Science - Grades 4-8, Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry • History/Social Science - Virginia Studies, Civics & Economics, World History I, VA & US History, World History II, World Geography 	<p>Fall October 7-18, 2019</p> <p>Winter December 16, 2019 – January 17, 2020</p> <p>Spring March 2 – 13, 2020</p>
Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT)	The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) is a nonverbal test of general ability commonly used to identify potentially gifted children. <i>All second graders participate in this test administration.</i>	February 3 – 28, 2020



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Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP)	These assessments are the universal screening tools for Grade 1-8 reading, language arts, and mathematics. MAP must be administered three times during the year to determine a starting point, and to demonstrate growth at midyear and at year end. MAP outcomes are highly correlated to SOL outcomes. <i>NWEA MAP Assessments will be administered to students for English & Mathematics and to Algebra I students.</i>	<p>Fall, Grades 1-8 & Algebra I August 12 – 23, 2019</p> <p>Winter, Grades 1-8 & Algebra I December 16, 2019 – January 17, 2020</p> <p>Spring, Grades 1-8 & Algebra I April 1 – 9, 2020</p>
Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS), Grades 1-3	PALS is the state-provided screening tool for Virginia’s Early Intervention Reading Initiative (EIRI). The purpose of the EIRI is to reduce the number of children with reading problems through early diagnosis and immediate intervention. All students not meeting the Entry Level benchmark for their grade level must receive intervention services in addition to their regular classroom instruction. <i>PALS is administered to students in grades PK-3.</i>	<p>Fall, Grades 1-3 August 26 – September 20, 2019</p> <p>Mid-Year, Grades 1-3 January 2 – 31, 2020</p> <p>Spring, Grades 1-3 April 27 – May 22, 2020</p>
Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program (VKRP)	The Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program is a multi-dimensional kindergarten readiness assessment of literacy, mathematics, and self-regulation and social skills. It complements the PALS-K assessment of student literacy skills. The VKRP adds the Early Mathematics Assessment System (EMAS) and the Child Behavior Rating Scale (CBRS) to provide a more comprehensive view of kindergarten student readiness to learn. VKRP helps teachers better understand and address skill differences during the kindergarten year. Schools, divisions, and state leaders can use readiness data to prioritize individual student needs and target programs, resources, and professional development opportunities. VKRP is implemented by the Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning at the University of Virginia in partnership with the Virginia Department of Education.	<p>Fall, Kindergarten EMAS & CBRS September 9-20, 2019</p> <p>Fall, Kindergarten PALS-K September 23 – October 18, 2019</p> <p>Mid-Year, Grade K January 2 – 31, 2020</p> <p>Spring, Grades K April 27 – May 22, 2020</p>



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Standards of Learning (SOL) Assessments	<p>All students enrolled in a course for which there is a state Standards of Learning (SOL) assessment must participate*. EOC courses are End of Course SOL tests given at the high school level in various grades. The following are SOL tested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>3rd - 5th Grade Reading & Mathematics</i> • <i>Virginia Studies (4th Grade)</i> • <i>5th Grade Science</i> • <i>6th - 8th Grade Reading & Mathematics</i> • <i>8th Grade Writing</i> • <i>Civics & Economics (7th & 8th Grade)</i> • <i>EOC Reading (11th Grade)</i> • <i>EOC Writing (11th Grade)</i> • <i>Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II</i> • <i>Earth Science, Biology, & Chemistry</i> • <i>World History I, VA & US History, World History II, & World Geography</i> <p>*Once high school students have earned the required number of verified credits needed for graduation, they are prohibited from taking additional SOL tests unless parents request, in writing, for additional test to be administered.</p>	<p>Fall EOC Writing October 21 – November 8, 2019</p> <p>Fall TG EOC Writing, 1st Attempt* October 21, - November 1, 2019</p> <p>Fall TG EOC Writing, 2nd Attempt* November 18 - December 13, 2019</p> <p>Fall EOC Non-Writing December 2 – 20, 2019</p> <p>Spring TG EOC Writing, 1st Attempt* March 2-13, 2020</p> <p>Spring EOC & Grade 8 Writing March 9- April 3, 2020</p> <p>Spring TG EOC Writing, 2nd Attempt* April 6-24, 2020</p> <p>Spring Non-Writing, Grades 3 – 8 & EOC April 20 – May 15, 2020</p> <p><i>*Only Term Grad (TG) students who test during the 1st attempt window are eligible to test during the 2nd TG window.</i></p>
SOL Assessments for Eliminated SOL Tests	<p>Legislation in the 2014 General Assembly amended § 22.1-253.13:3.C of the Code of Virginia to eliminate several Standards of Learning (SOL) tests: Grade 3 History/Social Science, Grade 3 Science, Grade 5 Writing, United States History to 1865, and United States History: 1865 to the Present.</p>	<p>Local assessments for these eliminated tests will be given throughout the school year as appropriate.</p>



All testing dates and windows are subject to change in the event of changes to the overall division calendar.

August 1, 2019